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FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 USC §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/005,753
Filing Date	October 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	Yasuhiro SAKAI
Group Art Unit	1651
Examiner Name	F. C. Prats
Attorney Docket Number	3029-74RCE2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000 applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**
 - a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 1/13/06. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
 - b. Other
 - Fees**
3. The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.: 03-2412.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), if not already paid by check
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17), if not already paid by check
 - iii. Small Entity Status is being claimed for this application.
 - vi. Other
 - b. Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed.
 - c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	March 15, 2006

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In re RCE Application of: Yasuhiro SAKAI et al.
For: Method of Staining, and Detecting and Counting Bacteria, and a
Diluent for Bacterial Stain
Parent Serial No.: 10/005,753

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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BASIC FEE			\$395	\$790
TOTAL CLAIMS	9 - 20 =		x 9 = \$	x 18 = \$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3 =		x 44 = \$	x 88 = \$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENCY			+\$150 = \$	+300 \$
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Claims in excess of originally filed claims		x 25 = \$	x 50 = \$	
Claims in excess of originally filed claims		x 100 = \$	x 200 = \$	
Multiple Dependency if added and not paid in parent		+\$180 = \$	+360 \$	
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